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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT:

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR NOON BRIEFING:

QUOTE: Q. (ANY QUESTION RELATING TO THE LETELIER/  
MOFFITT MURDER INDICTMENTS MADE PUBLIC AUGUST 1.)

A. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE,  
WHICH YOU SHOULD HAVE. IT GIVES DETAILS CONCERNING  
THE INDICTMENTS. WE OF COURSE REGARD THIS AS A MATTER  
OF EXTREME GRAVITY. PROVISIONAL ARREST OF THE THREE  
CHILEAN DEFENDANTS IS BEING REQUESTED, PURSUANT TO  
THE EXTRADITION TREATY, AND FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUESTS  
WILL BE SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN A MATTER OF  
WEEKS, AFTER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED.  
WE EXPECT THAT COOPERATION BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT  
WILL CONTINUE AS THIS CASE MOVES THROUGH JUDICIAL  
PROCEDURES.

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Q. HAS THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT COOPERATED IN THE  
INVESTIGATION?

A. AS WE HAVE STATED IN THE PAST, THERE HAS BEEN  
COOPERATION BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHAT IMPACT WILL THIS DEVELOPMENT HAVE ON  
GENERAL PINOCHET? (ON THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT?)

A. THAT IS NOT A MATTER ON WHICH WE WOULD HAVE ANY  
COMMENT. END QUOTE. VANCE

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